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A woman dressed as a mermaid interacts with the audience at last year's PirateFest. This year's event will kickoff Friday at 5 p.m.

ECU Parking starts towing, ticketing

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East Carolina University Parking and Transportation has begun ticketing and towing students who are dropped off or picked up on campus, which several university officials say is because of a lack of space causing traffic.

ECU's Associate Vice Chancellor for Environmental Health and Campus Safety Bill Koch said there are no drop-offs allowed on the main campus because there is no room for it and vehicle traffic impedes bike and pedestrian traffic.

"Drop-off traffic makes it unsafe for bikes and pedestrians while we are trying to become a bike and pedestrian friendly campus. Plus, vehicles are blocking roads while waiting to pickup," Koch said.

According to Koch, there are "no drop-off" signs all over campus. He said his department has been informing people on campus for the past two weeks before enforcement began this week.



Bill Koch

Koch said transit provides access to the main campus through bus routes that run every five to 10 minutes. He said the campus administration has also added LimeBike, a bike-sharing platform, as another way for students to get around campus.

"Too many vehicles are driving through campus. We've had too many complaints and near misses and we can't wait until someone gets hurt to do something," Koch said. "Every large university has the same issues and their students walk or bike. Many of our staff and faculty do as well since there are 5,000 plus faculty or staff and about 1,000 parking spaces on the core campus."

Koch said ECU P&T is responsible for all parking spaces on campus, including garage spaces. ECU P&T has trained and certified staff who are active in state and national parking associations to stay current with best practices, according to Koch.

Joshua Rossnagel, maintenance supervisor of ECU P&T, said the responsibilities of the new parking deck for the new student center, which is set to open in August, is divided between several ECU departments.

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PirateFest to return

Festival to bring variety of food, Plain White T's performance

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This weekend pirates will line the streets of downtown Greenville for the 12th year in a row, as the aromas from food trucks and bass from live music will return for the annual PirateFest.

PirateFest will kickoff Friday at 5 p.m. and close at 8, but Saturday the festival will last all day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Downtown Greenville will close most roads to set up for the plethora of free events, ranging from live music to several pirate acts. There will also be carnival rides on Friday and Saturday at Five Points Plaza, and wristbands for unlimited rides on Friday are on sale now for \$15 at the PirateFest website.

Two years ago, the two-day festival hosted Grammy award-winning band Smash Mouth as the headliner, bringing in crowds of all ages. This year the Plain White T's, best known



A performer plays the guitar at PirateFest last year. The Plain White T's will play Saturday.

for their songs "Hey There Delilah" and "1, 2, 3, 4," will take center stage in the Town Common on 105 East 1st St. on Saturday at 5 p.m.

Events and Branding Director for Uptown Greenville Meredith Hawke said she hopes this headliner will bring out a lot of people for this free event.

"PirateFest is filled with music over

the two days with live acts at two stages in the festival," Hawke said. "The performances are entertaining and appeal to a wide variety of audiences."

The bands and artists that will be performing on the 4th and Evans Stage

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Fraternity shut down for narcotics

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Andy Li
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The East Carolina University chapter of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity was suspended by its national organization yesterday following an investigation by the Greenville Police Department which found a large amount of narcotics in its fraternity house, resulting in the arrest of four students.

The Greenville Regional Drug Task Force conducted a search, which was the result of a three-week investigation, and found more than 2,500 Xanax bars and a large amount of marijuana, according

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Student becomes 'Dean for a Day'



ECU 'dean' of the THCAS Dana Shefet in her office in Bate 1002.

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Sitting behind a large oak desk, East Carolina University public health studies and mathematics freshman Dana Shefet looked like an average college student. Except for all of yesterday, she was dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences.

Shefet is THCAS' inaugural "Dean for a Day." The program allows a student to switch places with THCAS Dean William Downs. In an email to The East Carolinian, Downs said the program is meant to allow him to learn about the student experience and to allow university officials to get input from students about how the college is doing. Shefet said she was selected after applying for the program and

interviewing with the college.

"I've been able to meet with a lot of different faculty and staff throughout the college," Shefet said. "My agenda for the day, things I want to accomplish, is making students change their perspective in the college from feeling like just a number and to how the resources available in the college can be best beneficial to them."

During her day as dean, Shefet met with Provost Ron Mitchelson, Chair of the Faculty Senate John Stiller, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies Derek Maher among others.

Shefet said because the THCAS, which has sixteen departments and sixteen programs, is the largest college on campus, it's easy for

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BRIEFS

ECU Student Media to host showcase, open house

East Carolina University's Student Media will host a showcase of student craftsmanship in partnership with Coastal Fog tomorrow, and an open house in the office of The East Carolinian on Saturday as part of the 12th annual PirateFest.

The showcase will take place from 5 to 8 p.m., with artworks from members of Student Media displayed.

The Saturday open house, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will include a tour of The East Carolinian's newsroom, located at 301 Evans Street Suite 100-F, in Uptown Greenville and a free dance party outside which WZMB 91.3 FM will DJ.

For more information, contact Abbey Leach at 704-654-2898

SGA to host workshop on global engagement

ECU's Student Government Association will host a global competency workshop on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grand Room at the Health Sciences Campus Student Center.

The event will be facilitated by Global Citizen and will offer resources for ethical global community and engagement.

Attendees are asked to RSVP at sgaequityintercultural@gmail.com.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In Tuesday's issue, Dylan Kraft's photo of Ryan Davis was featured on the front page as a cutout.

If you feel there are any factual errors in this newspaper, please contact Annah Schwartz at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

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to a press release from the Greenville Police Department. The investigation also found marijuana was being sold from the household. Two shotguns were also seized during the search.

The national organization of Phi Kappa Tau announced the suspension of operations of its ECU chapter following the arrests, according to a press release for ECU News Services yesterday evening.

ECU said it supports the organization's decision and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities is currently reviewing the actions of the students.

Grant Swanner, 20, and Nolan Leonard, 19, were both arrested for possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule IV drug, maintaining a dwelling for the use or sale of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Swanner was also arrested for the possession of alcohol while underage.

Leonard was arrested for the possession of a half ounce of marijuana.

Jordan Kowalski, 20, was arrested for the possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and maintaining a dwelling for the use or sale of a controlled substance. William Carter, 20, was arrested for the possession of drug paraphernalia and the possession of alcohol while underage.

All four are current ECU students and members of Phi Kappa Tau, according to John Mountz, the director of Greek Life at ECU. GPD said additional arrests may occur.

According to the ECU Greek Life website, 10 other fraternities are either on probation or were suspended from 2017 to 2018.

ECUs Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Virginia Hardy said ECU is currently working to change the Greek Life culture at ECU.



John Mountz



Virginia Hardy

"It is disappointing that some groups or individuals do not see the value in improving the positive footprint their organizations can, and do, have on young men and women and in our community," Hardy said in the press release.

The press release said ECU is currently working on initiatives with Greek Life, such as risk prevention, education, accountability and partnerships to reduce risky behaviors and to build a stronger community.

"Every situation is different. We have not received the full report, the full police report has not been made available yet," Mountz said. "So once that information is all provided to folks with the national fraternity, the university will be able to move ahead with their processes."

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PARKING

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"Parking and Transportation will manage the entry and exit control equipment, software (and) parking enforcement, as well as manage the parking utilization. Facilities Services will manage repair and maintenance of many of the

utilities within the structure," Rossnagel said. "The ECU Police will handle security through the use of cameras and patrols."

Rossnagel said a structure of this size and scope requires many parties to be involved.

Jason Sugg, deputy chief of the ECU Police Department, said Traffic Services would be issuing out the tickets, not the police department.

"The tickets would be for parking regulations akin to parking violations in terms of enforcement," Sugg said. "The police department doesn't issue those, so I have no idea of the cost of one of those tickets."

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DEAN

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students to feel overwhelmed. Shefet said she hopes her time as dean can help create a better way to connect students with the opportunities and resources within the THCAS.

"I also want to help with career guidance... College of Arts and Sciences has very broad majors, which also gives diversity for students to choose what they want to do with their career.

But sometimes students need direction and some inspiration for what they can pursue," Shefet said. "Finally, the last thing that I wanted to address was potentially giving another person in the college the chance to look at teacher evaluations."

Although Shefet is only a freshman, she said it is in her nature to become incredibly involved with her community. She said in high school, she was involved in several organizations, a trait which she has carried over to ECU. Shefet is currently involved with organizations such as the Honors College, Pirates for Israel, Gamma Sigma Sigma, East Carolina Hillel and more.

Downs said out of the three finalists for the "Dean for a Day,"

Shefet's three-point agenda for her intended plans as dean was ultimately the deciding factor when it came to selecting Shefet to take his position for a 24-hour period.



William Downs

anonymous on campus, which can easily happen on a campus as big as ECU's," Downs said.

Taking Shefet's place as a student, Downs said one of the most standout moments of his day was attending Shefet's

chemistry class.

Downs said he hopes for this contest to continue in the THCAS and spread to other schools in North Carolina. North Carolina State University and ECU are the only two universities in the University of North Carolina system to host a "Dean for a Day" contest.

"I understand how everyone may be busy, but I truly think that 'Dean for a Day' is a great experience," Downs said. "We want future applicants to truly think about the agenda they want to implement if they had the chance to be dean, and we're open to any and all bright ideas that our students would bring to the table."

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CAMPUS RECREATION & WELLNESS

Protect the Pirate Nation Earth Day 2018

Monday, April 16

Special Guest Speaker: Summer Rayne Oakes MSC 244 @ 7:00PM



Tuesday, April 17

Buy Green Expo Willis Building Auditorium 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Wednesday, April 18

Hammock Hangout Movie: Before the Flood MSC @ 8:00-10:00PM

Greenway LimeBike Ride Wright Plaza @ 5PM

Thursday, April 19

CLCE Sponsored Political Environmental Documentary MSC 244 @ 7:00-9:00PM

Friday, April 20

Earth Day Fair Student Recreation Center 10:00AM-2:00PM

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•Cell phones & pagers
•CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes
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•Batteries

Saturday, April 21

CLCE Earth Day of Service HSC Student Center 8:30AM-12:30PM

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Sunday, April 22

Paddle & Clean the Trails Pre-Register @ Adventure.ecu.edu



OUR VIEW

Dr. Virag sets example for capability of ECU

East Carolina University's physiology professor Dr. Jitka Virag recently won STAT Madness, a bracket-style competition for medical innovations, and is helping put ECU on the map as the next great university.

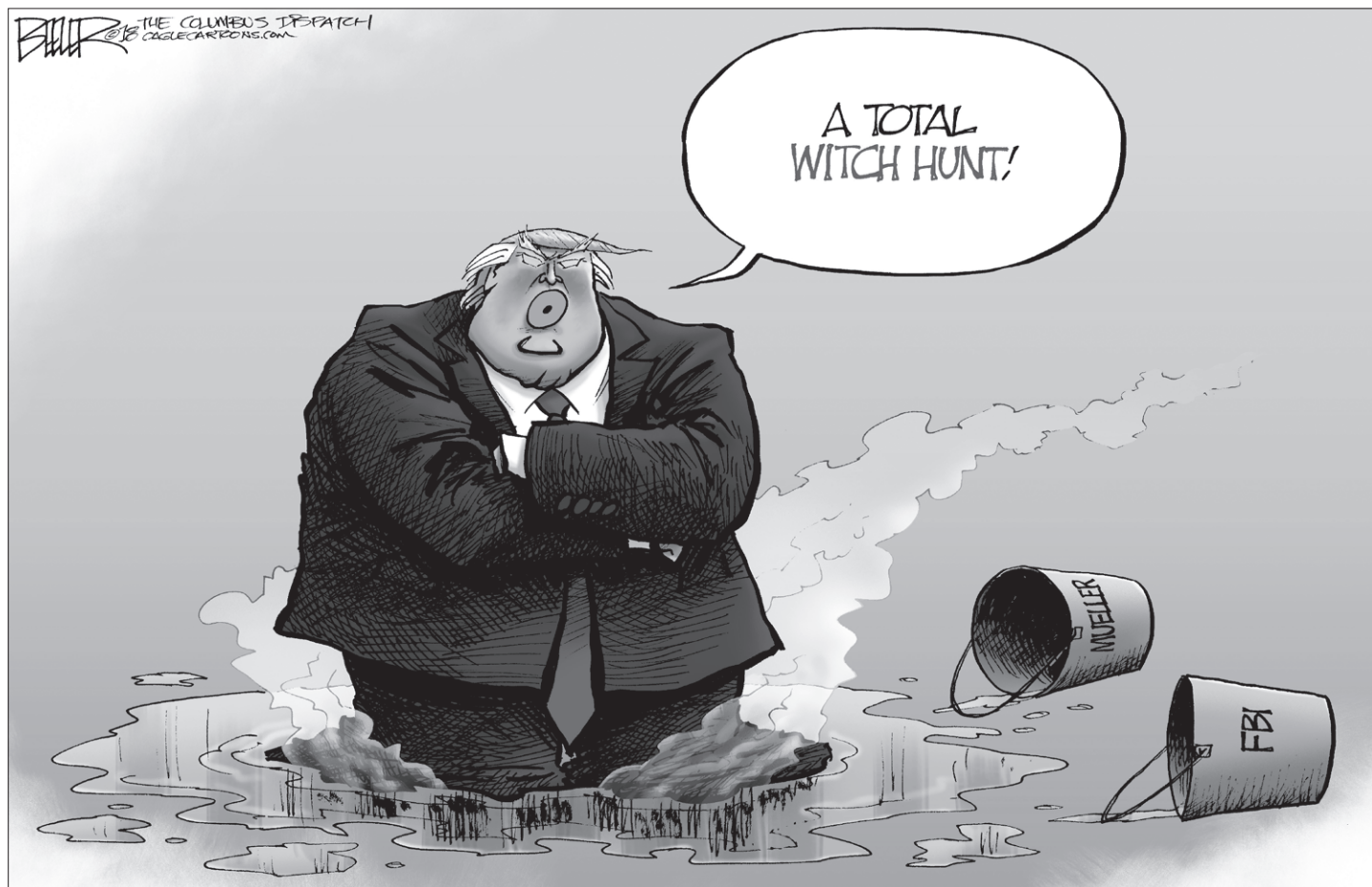
Becoming the next great university is the goal of ECU's Chancellor Cecil Staton, and winning this nationwide competition against universities such as Harvard and Yale prove how serious of an institution ECU is today.

ECU's reputation for years has been the big party school where people apply as a back-up plan or just as a place to go have fun. However, one of its professors winning such a prestigious award shows how much more ECU has to offer.

We, the editorial staff of The East Carolinian, feel that ECU is making the necessary strides to improve its reputation, but there needs to be more recognition from everyone at the school.

It is evident that the University is more than capable of competing with top colleges and universities, so there should be more of a push to show the nation how capable ECU is as a whole.

The ECU community needs to do more to embrace becoming the next top scholarly institution by making bigger strides for funding research in the areas of the University that can benefit the most. If funding was put into areas that would benefit the most, such as the medical field or engineering, then this University could expand at an even higher rate.



>> SENIOR COLUMN

TEC offers more than income



Emily Harvey
TEC STAFF

"Knowledge = Power." I will never forget the words Director of Student Media John Harvey wrote on the board my first day of candidate class, and no, we are not related.

In highschool, I took a journalism class both semesters my sophomore and junior year, where I held a variety of reporter and editor positions. We produced a print paper about once a month, and published articles online as well. My senior year I became the editor-in-chief along with two of my best friends. I always planned on working at the paper wherever I attended college, but I had no idea what working at The East Carolinian would bring me.

I tried out, thinking of the friends I would make and the experiences and opportunities working for student media would allow me to have. I had no idea TEC even offered paid positions. When Ryan Clancy, the former editor-in-chief, let me in on that bit of information, I was stunned.

There have certainly been a lot more late nights due to finishing articles, covering breaking news or editing stories in my time at TEC than in high school, but I've loved (almost) every minute of it. Let's be honest, no one loves missing out on sleep.

I began as the cops, or crime reporter, and met so many public city officials. I learned about city council meetings, crime logs and local laws. I took on the health beat next, where I learned about researching topics I didn't understand and writing an accurate and clear article any reader would understand.

I thought I would stay in news, but John called me and asked how I would feel moving to arts. I was completely out of my element, but realized how much I loved being an editor and helping my reporters formulate ideas and better their writing. Three semesters later, I'm an arts and entertainment reporter and one of my previous reporters is my editor; shout out to Madison Lawson for always doing such a great job.

I have never enjoyed writing more. I've had the opportunity to review new restaurants, check out the Stilllife rooftop before it officially opened and begin one of my favorite series: Meet Your Bartenders.

I not only found the friends I was looking for along the way, but found a "work family" as well. I not only beefed up my resume, but I learned so much about the city and citizens of Greenville, the students and professors at East Carolina University and about the stories behind businesses and establishments in the area.

As I approach 100 articles published for student media, I look back on some of the ones I wrote at the beginning and cringe,

but also realize how far I've come and how far I've been pushed.

I am constantly asked if my major is communication. Though I do have a minor in communication studies, my major is speech and hearing sciences; I'll be attending graduate school at ECU in the fall to become a speech pathologist.

The next question I get is, "Why do you work at The East Carolinian then?" Well, I love it. I have learned so much and feel so incredibly lucky as I look back on my past three years at ECU and TEC. I can't believe the time has finally come to hand in my last articles and walk across the stage.

Without budget meetings on Tuesday night, edits to make throughout the week, sources to contact and a GroupMe that is constantly blowing up, I'm not sure what I'll do with my time.

Thank you to all of my editors, advisors, fellow reporters and readers. I will never forget the lessons everyone has taught me, and I couldn't be any more grateful to finish my time at ECU as a member of student media. Future candidates, do not forget that knowledge truly does equal power.

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Athletes' mental health is important



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Athletes in sports break their backs to provide entertainment to fans all around the world bringing entertainment to many households. However, some fanatics treat these players like objects rather than human

beings, not considering they have feelings and emotions too.

This topic can be localized from the major leagues down to the peewee team's in your hometown. Discrimination and negligence toward athletes are problems within our sporting programs. I've seen teams discriminate against players in the NFL for using their freedom of speech, and I've seen kids as young as 12 being recruited to teams by looks to play collegiate ball.

As a kid, when I signed up to play recreational sports, I knew this would be something I would love forever. What I did not know was that this was just the beginning of the underlying drama of sports. One year while playing recreational sports as a kid, the coaches decided to have a draft of which players would be on which team. The coaches lined up each kid on the wall as they inspected which kids looked tall, fast, smart or athletic enough to play on the team.

Moving on to high school, little changed but I firsthand got to witness the special treatment a high school athlete gets when the team is good. I went to James B. Hunt High School in Wilson, North Carolina. There, the football team I played on was coming off of an undefeated regular season (13-0). The school worshipped the athletes, often allowing us to roam free, and thanks to the win-

ning ways, we saw perks. Often players were able to skip class or even not go to detention, giving the impression these athletes could do whatever they wanted. This mentality is probably the reason why athletes grow up to be obnoxious or not care about the thoughts of those who don't play sports.

These players may be worshipped all around school, but no one exactly knows what's going on inside their head. Playing football in high school, I was treated different, often joked and sometimes ignored, but that's most kids who go to a new school for the first time. Over my years playing, little was asked about my mental health but the tough structure of a winning team molded me into a strong-minded individual.

Some kids, unlike me, may have faced depression, causing them to do irrational things to jeopardize their career.

One major thing many athletes turn to is drugs, whether it's alcohol, marijuana or antidepressants. In one case, a college athlete was not able to graduate before he committed suicide due to his depression while being on the team. Tyler Hilinski, a quarterback who played at Washington State University, battled depression and later kill himself. Looking back, things certainly could have been done to help him.

Yes, it could have helped for Hilinski to talk and tell people about his situation but it is the coaches' duty to make sure players are in a stable environment to succeed. As it is to the university to make sure fans don't overstep boundaries in how they treat these kid athletes.

According to "The Mental Health of Elite Athletes: A Narrative Systematic Review" athletes face a high risk of being affected by mental disorders. Most athletes tend not to seek help when faced with these prob-

lems even though counsellors are available at almost every level of sports. In "Mental Health in College Athletics: It's Time for Social Work to Get in the Game" the study regarding mental health and athletes showed 10-15 percent could experience psychological issues detrimental enough to call for counselling. Some of these issues include anxiety problems, eating disorders, personality disorders, drug problems and anger issues.

Even in the NFL, the players' emotions go unnoticed and athletes are discriminated against sometimes on the field. Two players who come to mind that have been discriminated against are former San Francisco 49er quarterback Colin Kaepernick and Seattle Seahawk defensive end Quinton Jefferson.

After kneeling in protest to bring awareness to the atrocities by the law enforcement toward African Americans, Kaepernick earned a place on the free agent list. Since 2016, I believe his protest has led to him being blackballed out the NFL. Kaepernick has been discriminated against by coaches, players, fans and owners around the country for taking a knee during the national anthem.

Jefferson saw discrimination from fans after some rowdy spectator threw a beverage at his head as he walked into the locker room tunnel. These things definitely could shape the way these players look at other human beings, as well as their outlooks on life.

I challenge whoever is in charge of sports at every level to attack discrimination toward their athletes and focus more on mental health so that everyone can enjoy the entertainment of sports, including the athletes.

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6 -- Slow down, and consider your long-term strategy. Keep advancing with regular, small steps. Persistence and determination can realize a dream. Follow your heart.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Discuss financial details with your partner. Together, you can get much farther. Collaborate for shared benefit. Manage invoices, payments and purchases.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 -- A renovation you've long dreamed about can come together. Get your family on board. Beautify your home. Fill it with flowers and music.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Dream a dream of love. Talk about it with people you respect and admire. You're making a good impression. Have fun together. Teamwork flowers.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Creative collaboration can flower and bloom. Brainstorm and visualize brilliant ideas and solutions with your partner. Use artistry and passion for beautiful results.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Express your feelings in your words, art, music and poetry. Creativity bubbles. Connect, collaborate and share what you're coming up with. Develop your imaginative ideas.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Continue doing the homework to prepare for a test. A professional dream appears within reach. A long-desired goal is ripe for the plucking.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Your workload could seem intense. Prioritize and delegate what you can. Don't drop out self-care. Eat and rest well to support your physical output.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Follow a lucrative hunch. Put your love into your work, and profit. A plum assignment beckons. Expenses could also be high. Go for balance.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Visualize the perfect trip. Prepare for upcoming travels and studies. Learn about your destination to begin your discovery. Find a sweet deal.

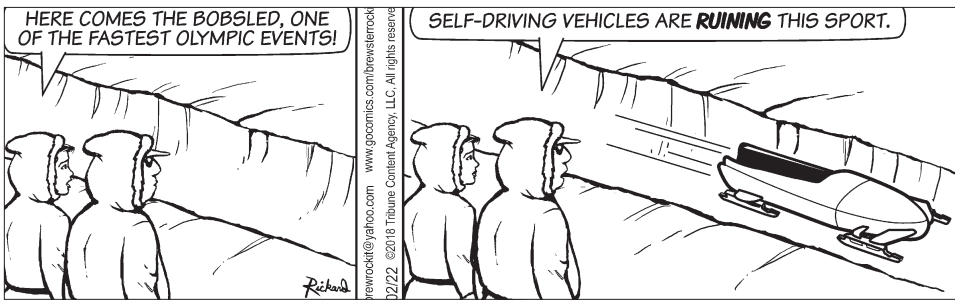
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Someone nearby sure looks good. Dreams and fantasies no longer seem so crazy; follow the ones that feed your heart. Prioritize love, passion and compassion.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- You're getting stronger. A personal dream appears available. Go for it! Make your move. Ask for what you want, and get it. Your angels are with you.

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- Scorsese film, "Streets"
- Actor Gerard
- Actress Lansbury
- Anthony of "General Hospital"
- "Theatre" hosted by David Niven
- Annual golf tournament
- Byrnes of "77 Sunset Strip"
- "Star Trek: Space Nine"
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- Ramy of "Dark Justice"
- Actress MacGraw
- Vernon and Irene
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- Chicago-based film critic
- Actor Baker
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The East Carolinian Sports experts predict this weekend's baseball game

Aaron Jackson

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Who? ECU losses 1-2, 1-0 against Duke
Why? I think the hot streak for No. 7 ECU baseball finally comes to an end with the Pirates dropping their

first AAC and home series. The Pirates will be drained after two months of play at a high level, but ECU will bounce back to defeat Duke after the weekend.

Chase Carroll

Sports Chief
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Who? ECU loses 1-2 to USF, 0-1 against Duke
Why? Every hot streak is meant to end at some point right? The Pirates will lose their first series of the season to

a strong conference opponent in USF, and in turn will fall to a great ACC team in Duke.

Daniel Roberts

Baseball Reporter
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Who? ECU wins series 2-1, 1-0 against Duke
Why? ECU being at home against USF will help give them a advantage. Holba and

Smith have performed very well. Benton has struggled recently and I think he will continue to this weekend. The series victory will help ECU continue to dominate on the road against Duke.

Robert Romero

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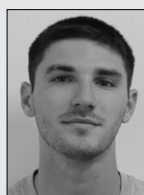


Who? ECU wins series 2-1, 0-1 against Duke
Why? The saying goes "pitching wins championships" if that's the case, they can handle this high-

powered USF offense. Only reason I'm not picking a sweep is because I don't know if Benton will snap out of his slump. And against Duke? I just think it will be the Blue Devils' day and will come out on fire against another North Carolina opponent.

Tyler Gavin

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Who? ECU wins series 2-1, 1-0 against Duke
Why? The Bulls have won games using their bats. The Pirates have won games with their pitching. This will be

another tough AAC matchup, but ECU prevails behind strong starts and an even stronger bullpen. Then despite how tough Duke is, this momentum is too much to slow.



East Carolina University sophomore outfielder Bryant Packard swings during his at bat in a game for the Pirates. He leads the team in RBI's (26).

>> ANALYSIS

ECU set for home series



Robert Romero
TEC STAFF

Following a 3-0 shutout victory over Elon University last night, East Carolina University's baseball team, led by award-nominee Chris Holba, gears up to face off against the University of South Florida tomorrow.

The junior right-handed starter was announced to the 40-man midseason Golden Spikes Award Watch List by USA Baseball on Tuesday afternoon. With the nomination, Holba is receiving the national recognition he's earned in the first half of season, posting a 7-0 record in eight starts, with a 1.33 ERA, 20th in the nation, and 44 strikeouts in 47.1 innings, while allowing just seven earned runs on 40 hits.

With this kind of play, Holba looks poised to be named a semifinalist for the award when USA Baseball makes the announcement on May 21. He would be the first Pirate ever to reach that plateau if he does so.



Chris Holba

But before Holba can even think about that, he will have to showcase his talents against American Athletic Conference rival USF, where he may make his second game one start in the second straight weekend series after taking sophomore right hander Trey Benton's spot against the University of Washington. Benton has struggled as of late, but his play early this season makes him likely to still be a top starter, making this an interesting situation to watch unfold.

ECU enters the series riding high after another successful week where they played five games in five days, going 4-1 and ascending into the top-10 in the national polls, all the way to No. 7.

Although USF isn't ranked, it will arguably be ECU's toughest opponent of the season. The Bulls lead the AAC in just about every offensive category, including batting average (.298), hits (328), runs batted in (199), runs scored (220), doubles (85) and triples (14) while its pitching also leads the conference in ERA (2.94).

The Pirates edge the Bulls in the home run department by four, 28-24, but USF

doesn't seem to rely on the long ball to get its wins. The Bulls have seven players in their lineup batting over .300 for the season, including the deadly duo of junior infielders David Villar (.379) and Joe Genord (.333). These two have combined for 14 home runs, 75 hits, 67 RBI, 52 runs scored and 24 doubles.

There's not a lot of room for error for ECU in this series, and if it is to keep its undefeated series win streak alive, the team needs to be on top of its game, especially in its pitching to neutralize the Bull's offense.

Benton is arguably the most important player, let alone pitcher, in this series. ECU has won 12 of its last 15 games but Benton has struggled in the three games in which it lost, allowing 13 earned runs on 20 hits in 11.1 innings with just nine strikeouts, posting a 10.33 ERA. If he is able to get back to the Benton from his first four starts, paired with the success of Holba, this conference clash could become very interesting.

With home field advantage on their side, the Pirates have a chance to continue their run atop the AAC. The first pitch will be thrown tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

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>> FOOTBALL

Former Pirates continue to thrive

Dylan Johnson
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University football team recently has had several former players reach new heights after their ECU career, and yesterday three more joined the list.

Former ECU tight end Bryce Williams signed a one-year contract with the Arizona Cardinals yesterday. Williams will play for his fifth team since going undrafted out of ECU, but will be trying to make his first active roster. Williams joins other Cardinals tight ends Jermaine Gresham, Ricky Seals-Jones and Gabe Holmes.

Williams played in all 24 games for ECU from 2013-15, and recorded 84 catches for 921 yards and 10 touchdowns. Williams joins many other Pirates to be on NFL rosters. This includes Zay Jones with the Buffalo Bills, Justin Hardy with the Atlanta Falcons, Dwayne Harris with the Oakland Raiders, Josh Hawkins with the Green Bay Packers, Linval Joseph with the Minnesota Vikings and James Summers with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Former ECU quarterback Philip Nelson also plays for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Canadian Football League.

Along with Williams, two former Pirates also made news, with their accolades coming away from the football field.

Former ECU safety Austin



Former ECU tight end Bryce Williams (80) leaps over a defender in a game against the University of Tulsa.

Teague and quarterback Thomas Sirk gained membership into the 2018 National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society on Wednesday according to a release from the NFF and College Hall of Fame.

The honor has been awarded annually since 2007 for outstanding academic achievement. The NFF Hampshire Honor Society is made up of players from all divisions who have completed athletic eligibility and have maintained a cumulative 3.20 GPA or better during their collegiate career. This year, Teague and Sirk are among 1,251 people

earning the honor nationally.

Teague played for ECU from 2013-17 as a safety on defense. He played in 25 games during his ECU career and recorded 28 tackles. During his senior season, Teague served as a team captain and played in all 12 games.

Teague made both the Honor Roll and Dean's List at ECU with a cumulative grade point average of 3.73. He graduated in May 2017 with a degree in management and is currently a graduate student in ECU's MBA program, holding a 3.74 GPA.

Sirk came to ECU before the start of the 2017 season as a

graduate transfer. He recorded 1,655 passing yards and nine touchdowns in seven starts at quarterback before moving to tight end. Sirk graduated in May of 2016 from Duke University with a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in liberal studies. Sirk was a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy while at ECU. The William V. Campbell Trophy is considered the premier student-athlete award for college football.

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ECU's Smith steps up as starter

Daniel Roberts
TEC STAFF

The No. 7 ranked East Carolina University baseball team entered the year confident with its weekend rotation, but after a stumble early, the Pirates scrambled to find a consistent rotation at the beginning of the season.

Now head coach Cliff Godwin and the team have found that in sophomore pitcher Tyler Smith just two months into the 2017-18 season.

Jake Agnos, fellow sophomore pitcher, held the Sunday starter role to begin the season, but after early struggles, was moved to the Pirates' midweek roll. Smith stepped up when needed and has established himself as a go-to pitcher for Godwin to close out the weekend after starting in the bullpen.

"Smith was put in the bullpen because we had so much confidence in him," Godwin said. "He really had all of the different hats last year, being in the starting role, middle relief role and the closing role and he has done that this year. I'm proud of him because his hard work has paid off so far. He just has to continue to work and focus on the little things and keep getting better."

Last year, Smith was 2-0 in starts as freshman. In 27 total appearances, Smith finished with an ERA of a 3.95. He earned his two wins on March 26 against Towson University and against the University of Cincinnati on April 23, both in Sunday starts.

Smith has filled that gap in the weekend rotation by showing time and time again the type of pitcher he is on the mound and why he has been a problem to opposing teams. Now in his sophomore campaign, the righty has already made more appearances as a starter for the Pirates in the first 31 games of the season, going 4-0 in his starts in the weekend series, even recording a save. Smith made his first start against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on March 10, when the Pirates won the game. He threw for six innings and gave up just three hits and zero runs while only walking one. Godwin said this first start gave him a lot of confidence to keep Smith in the weekend rotation.

"Slowing the game down has been a big



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Sophomore pitcher Tyler Smith (20) remains hot as he has been a consistent starter for the Pirates only two months into the 2017-18 baseball season.

thing for me," Smith said. "Last year I rushed a lot of things, (but) this year, knowing that controlling my breathing has really helped me on the mound, I have done a good job of doing that so far with Coach (Dan) Rozel. I have really taken it one pitch at a time, not worrying about the previous pitch or the next pitch."

Smith helped the Pirates take down No. 20 ranked Wichita State University in Clark LeClair Stadium in a series clinching 5-0

victory on March 31. Smith threw in a career high 7.1 innings, allowing five hits and one walk but never surrendered a run.

"He is a very confident pitcher on the mound," redshirt sophomore catcher Jake Washer said. "He can go out there and get a lot of outs, ground balls and quick innings. I expect to see him out there a lot more on the mound."

The ECU baseball team returns home

after a midweek matchup defeating Elon University 3-0, and hosts the University of South Florida over the weekend, looking to improve to 8-0 in weekend series this year. With Smith slated to start in the Sunday games, the Pirates may be in the position to succeed with him on the mound.

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ECU tennis ready to play; men capture 20th win

Austin Walker
TEC STAFF

The East Carolina University men and women tennis teams will wrap up their seasons this weekend, following the men securing a 20-win season after a 4-3 comeback victory over Coastal Carolina University yesterday.

Due to an emergency, men's head coach Shawn Heinchon was not available to speak after the comeback win yesterday or give any information about his team's matches this weekend.

The men will prepare to face the University of Connecticut Sunday at home while the women play two American Athletic Conference opponents in these final matches of the season.

The Pirate men will host the Huskies (4-13) on Sunday at noon. The team is coming off a nail biting win over Coastal Carolina yesterday, which pushed their season record to 20-4. The 20-win season is a first under head coach Shawn Heinchon, and the first for the team in more than 20 years.

The team will finish off its season at home, where it has performed well this season, compiling a 11-1 record. The Pirates look to continue their win streak over UConn, having beat the Huskies five times in a row since 2015.

The matches this weekend will be the last the



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East Carolina University junior Meredith Smith practices forehand.

teams play before heading to Dallas, Texas, to participate in the AAC Championship next week. Both teams look to gain some momentum in these final matches of the season.

The women's team will start out the weekend by traveling to play the Huskies (10-8) on Friday. The Pirates are coming off a week with victories over Elon University Teague (13-11), 4-3, Virginia Commonwealth University (13-4), 4-3, and North Carolina A&T University (2-18), 6-1. Women's head coach Tom Morris was impressed with the way his team played and liked where it is at this point of the season.

"I think we are playing our best tennis of the season right now," Morris said. "It's the right time to be playing well heading into conference."

The team will finish off its

regular season with a match against Cincinnati (10-8). The team looks for revenge after being swept 4-0 by the Bearcats last season. ECU is ready to face these conference opponents and look forward to experiencing some conference competition before the AAC Championship, according to Morris.

"We know they're going to be tough. There are no easy matches in conference," Morris said. "These matches will give us a chance to see some conference competition, and we are playing well so I think we can compete."

The weekend matches offer an opportunity for both teams to finish the season strong before the AAC Championships.

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SATURDAY

**ECU Symphony
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Wright Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Yoga for Runners
YogiVibes Studio
9:00 a.m.

Uptown theater to reopen

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TEC STAFF

Uptown Greenville will have a new spotlight on it as the historic theater on Fifth Street undergoes renovations to become a new and improved live music venue.

The old Greenville theater was originally built in 1914 and remained open for more than five decades. While open, the theater was known as “White’s Theatre,” and showed E-rated movies for a dollar.

Bianca Shoneman, the director of Uptown Greenville, said when the theater first opened it was a popular place for locals to get dressed up for a night out.

“It was really the crown jewel of the urban core in downtown back in the early 1900s,” Shoneman said. “People would get dressed up and they would go to the White’s Theatre and they would have a fantastic evening out. We’re trying to bring that back to life.”

The idea for the theater’s facelift has been around for quite some time, according to Shoneman, but construction has only started very recently. The venue is projected to open in fall 2018.

“This has been a multi-year process,” Shoneman said. “The city purchased the building in 2008 and it was officially sold to Community Smith, the developing partner, in 2017 to start construction.”

Community Smith LLC is a developer based out of Raleigh, North Carolina. The operator for the venue will be Lincoln Theater, also from Raleigh.

“I’m sure the performances will be tailored to Greenville’s music audiences’ preferences,” Shoneman said. “[However,] there are some values in the owners of the Lincoln Theater having two production houses in close proximity to one another so that they can do double booking.”

Mike Fox, co-owner of Blackbeard Coffee Roasters, believes the renovation will be great for Uptown since it brings an entertainment outlet.

“Even at Blackbeard, we will have some people out to play music every first Friday,” Fox said. “But having more music outlets, bigger artists and a venue that’s dedicated to that is really



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White’s Theatre will reopen in the fall of 2018. The theater will be a venue for live music downtown.

important for Uptown.” In addition to giving local artists a place to shine, the venue will also be a place to bring more attractions to the community. According to Shoneman, it will showcase performances featuring all types of music from EDM to Reggae to Rock & Roll.

“I know that the Lincoln Theater in Raleigh also do live streaming for World Cup soccer games and concerts that are not in the area,” Shoneman said. “Hopefully we will see some similar opportunities for the Greenville market.”

It was rumored the venue would be under the control of East Carolina University but Shoneman denied this statement. She said there is no affiliation with the school except that Uptown hopes the music venue will draw more students, faculty and staff to become regular patrons.

Local blues and soul artist Jessica Hudson thinks the crowd will change.

“I think the revitalization of downtown that are more open to the arts is really going to draw in a totally different crowd other than students, faculties and families of ECU and alumni,” Hudson said.

Shoneman also mentioned the theater will

be different compared to what locals already have in town, such as the McGinnis Theater. Instead of having rows of seats and a large stage, the theater on Fifth Street will have more space for dancing and large crowds since it’s main goal is to house live bands.

“It’s important to say that it doesn’t look like Wright Auditorium. It’s not a theater, it is a live music venue. It is pretty much a standing room with cocktail tables-type of venue,” Shoneman said.

The venue will hold 600 people and there will be a mezzanine for viewing of the performances. The space will be massive and can hold a high number of people.

“That’s awesome and kind of encouraging [that the venue holds 600 people],” Hudson said. “At the same time, I do have a concern just because sometimes it is hard to get people out to come to local shows. It is still a commitment [for patrons] to go out.”

Shoneman said she hopes this project will draw in more attention to the Uptown area and provide a cultural impact on the community.

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Broadway actors to share their backstage experiences

Jenna Price
TEC STAFF

When watching a Broadway show, the audience only sees a piece of the performance, as not even 10 feet below the stage, actors are frantically changing costumes and preparing their vocal chords.

As part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts series, East Carolina University will host the touring show “Broadway Backstage” in Wright Auditorium tomorrow at 8 p.m. to enlighten audience members to the beautiful chaos going on backstage during a show.

Started by Rudy Alexander in 1962, the series aims to bring talent to both ECU and the Greenville community. Tickets for the event range in price from \$10 to \$45.

“Broadway Backstage” is a show that features six professional Broadway stars. They will perform songs from renowned musicals they have starred in, along with showing what goes on behind the scenes by featuring video segments about wardrobe malfunctions, technical difficulties and rowdy audience members.

This “Broadway Backstage” show was created by Daniel C. Levine, who is a Broadway actor by trade, but created the show for actors that aren’t currently performing on Broadway. Levine has been in several Broadway shows since the 90s and said when actors

“ This event is for anyone who likes a good story, loves Broadway but may not have experienced Broadway before and wants a good smattering. ”

-Michael Crane

aren’t performing, they have to continue working to make an income. Most actors tour or do concerts, but Levine wanted to create a different experience.

“So, I was one of those actors, and I learned that audiences really loved great Broadway music, and all of the shows I was doing were great shows with great music,” Levine said. “But I began thinking that I should do a show that shows what really happens backstage and who the actors are and where they’re from.”

The actors who compile this play include the longest running Belle from “Beauty and the Beast” (Sarah Litzsinger), the band leader and piano player from “Wicked” (Brian Perri) and many more. While the show consistently has six performers, the performers vary from venue to venue. Levine created the show to be flexible with performers’ schedules.

Michael Crane is one of the organizers of this event. His role as the associate dean of research,

marketing and outreach in ECU’s School of Fine Arts allows him to help arrange these

performances. The event is for anyone who enjoys an entertaining show—from adults to children, and according to Crane, all are invited to enjoy this universal, theatrical performance.

“This event is for anyone who likes a good story, loves Broadway but may not have experienced Broadway before and wants a good smattering,” Crane said. “There are several like this, but this one is different because it has the video element.”

Though there won’t be an opportunity for the audience members to meet the stars of the show, the performers will have a panel with students in the School of Theatre and Dance.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/tickets/.

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SATURDAY

ECU Student Media Dance Party and Tour

301 S. Evans St., Suite 100F
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Carnival Rides

Five Points Plaza
10 a.m.-8 p.m.

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Town Common
11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Sword Conservatory

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Noon and 2:30 p.m.

Living History

Common
Noon and 1:30 p.m.

Motley Tones

Encampment - Town Common
2:30 p.m.

Signal Fire - Opener

Town Common Stage
3:30 - 5 p.m.

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Town Commons Stage 5-7 p.m.

SATURDAY LIVE MUSIC AT 4TH STREET AND EVANS STREET STAGE

Pirate Parade and Costume Contest

10 a.m.

Motley Tones

Main Stage
10:30 a.m., 11:40 a.m. and 11:55 p.m.

Belvoir Eagles Dance Club

11:10 a.m.

NC Academy of Dance Arts

11:25 a.m.

Indian Association

11:40 a.m.

Christie Hill

12:20 p.m.

Band of Jo's

12:55 p.m.

Caroline Dare

2 p.m.

Mother Notes

3:50 p.m.

Zen Pirates

5:45 p.m.

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include: The Motley Tones, Turkish Music Chorus, Band of Jo's, Caroline Dare, Zen Pirates and The Mother Notes.

Rose Emran, the lead singer and bassist for The Mother Notes, said the cosmic band is looking forward to performing for Greenville.

"We love when the crowd dances and is in to it," Emran said. "Just feeling the vibes and positive energy going on in the crowd when

we perform really gets us going."

In addition to music, Uptown will fill with more than 30 food vendors from restaurants already located downtown to food trucks that travel up and down the coast, such as Cousins Maine Lobster.

Shardee Petties, a junior at East Carolina University majoring in special education, said she's never been to PirateFest before, however, she plans on attending this year. She saw a picture of a lobster roll from Cousins Maine Lobster on the PirateFest Instagram page and

said she definitely wants to try one.

"I love live music so I'm definitely looking forward to that," Petties said. "And I'm looking forward to getting seafood."

There will also be some vendors new to PirateFest this year, including East Coast Wings, Jam Soft Serve Ice Cream and Shaved Ice, The Bamboo Cookhouse and Wild Bill's Soda.

Paula Rountree, a programs director for Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, said vendors such as Dusty Donuts and Baguettaboutit haven't been at PirateFest before but have both

vended with Uptown Greenville for Freeboot Friday in the past.

Michael Anderson, one of the owners of Fire American Tavern, said Fire will be serving sliders, wings, salads and house made chips, as well as Pepsi products on Saturday.

"This is our first year participating with PirateFest," Anderson said. "So we're most excited about interacting with customers in that capacity."

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